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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Changes the composition of the Louisiana Crawfish Promotion and Research Board.

Present law provides for the La. Crawfish Promotion and Research Board to be composed of 13 members appointed by the commissioner of agriculture and forestry as follows: (1) One member engaged in crawfish farming east of the Atchafalaya River appointed from a list of three persons nominated by the Louisiana Crawfish Farmers Association, (2) One member who is engaged in crawfish farming west of the Atchafalaya River and south of U.S. Highway 190 appointed from a list of three persons nominated by the Louisiana Crawfish Farmers Association, (3) One member who is engaged in crawfish farming north of U.S. Highway 190 appointed from a list of three persons nominated by the Louisiana Crawfish Farmers Association, (4) Four members engaged in harvesting wild crawfish, (5) One member who is engaged in crawfish farming or crawfish harvesting appointed from a list of three persons nominated by the Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation, (6) One member who is an owner or operator of a facility which produces artificial crawfish bait, (7) One member who is an owner or operator of a facility which processes crawfish, (8) One member appointed from a list of three persons nominated by the Louisiana Restaurant Association, (9) One member appointed who owns or operates a retail crawfish-seafood facility, appointed from the state at large, and (10) One member who is a landowner engaged in commercial crawfish leasing appointed from a list of three persons nominated by the Louisiana Landowners Association.

Proposed law modifies present law by reducing the size of the board from 13 members to 11 members. Specifically, removes the requirement that one of the crawfish farmers appointed to the board has to be engaged with crawfish farming north of U.S. Highway 190. It also reduces the numbers of appointed members who engage in harvesting wild crawfish from four members to three members, and repeals the one member who is a landowner engaged in commercial crawfish leasing.

(Amends R.S. 3:556.3(B)(intro. para.), (3), and (4); Repeals R.S. 3:556.3(B)(10))